

More than sixteen million silver dollars have been coined by the mints of the United States during the past year.

The best informed senators of the United States are giving their views as to the probability of the passage of a tariff bill at the next session of congress. No two of them appear to hold the same views on the subject.

A political fight is on hands in Tennessee. The Nashville Banner is leading the fight for an investigation of alleged election frauds, by which it is claimed the republicans lost the state by a heavy majority.

After a separation of fifty years, two lovers in Indiana, who quarreled, married, became widows and widower, discovered the fragments of Cupid's broken arrow, and were united in marriage a day or two.

FAVORABLE reports still continue to come in from all quarters of the substantial revival of business. Japan and China are placing heavy orders for steel rails, and this industry alone is giving employment to thousands of men who have lain idle for many months.

The latest returns from Kentucky show that there were twelve electors for McKinley and one for Bryan. That ratio was pretty well preserved in the popular vote that was cast, too. May be not quite so bad, but for all practical purposes it just the same.

The gold reserve is \$125,763,988. Owing to the fact that the state of New York is no longer a matter of public concern the assistant treasurer at New York has been directed to discontinue the practice of sending this information to the department each day by telegraph.

It appears that in ninety-two cities in which Bryan made speeches during the campaign, a Cleveland plurality of 155,768 in them four years ago was changed into a McKinley plurality of 450,062. This indicates that a political circus attracts a great many people who go home and vote against it.

New York City in September tried to sell \$4,000,000 in 3 1/2 per cent gold bonds, but withdrew them on account of the low bids. Since the election it has disposed of \$16,000,000 in bonds at a premium ranging as high as 117.87, and the bids were for ten times the amount desired. McKinley times are one of those things that pay for the start.

The death of Judge Parker of Fort Smith, Ark., the life of a brave man is ended. For twenty years he has been a terror to the evil doers of his district. In the face of the direct threats of lawless companions of many desperadoes, he inflicted the death penalty with utter disregard of the result of their malice toward himself. He stands conspicuously prominent as a potent factor in the extermination of many gangs of lawless murderers and fiends who fought the borders of the Indian territory as the scenes of their crimes, and who attempted to defy all semblance of law and order.

The decision of Maeco, in case he cannot maintain his position in his stronghold in the mountains, to break his army up into bands of fifty and carry on guerrilla warfare, carries little comfort to the Spaniards. The Spanish are very fond of boasting that their own guerrillas struck terror to the heart of Napoleon, defeated him, and drove him back over the Pyrenees. If they did they might not Maeco's followers do the same for Weyler?

The differences between Richard Gird and The Chino Ranch Co. have been amicably and legally settled, and the last act done to perfect the sale of the great Chino ranch to the California Best Sugar Estate and Land Co. says the S. F. Chronicle of the 15th. Of course there were some concessions on both sides. The Ranch Co. comes in complete possession of the untold portions of the north half of the townsite on which the town is built. This is important. For six or more months, no one could give a deed to a town lot in that young, thrifty city, and many improvements were prevented or delayed.

It is said that William K. Vanderbilt contributed \$150,000 to the campaign fund, but he didn't do it for fun. He had other fish to fry. It was transpired that William K. feels somewhat abashed

by the fact that O. H. P. Belmont and his wife are a notch or two ahead of him on the social scale, and that his daughter, the Duchess of Marlborough, also outshines him. To sort 'em out the thing up Willie K. expects to be made Ambassador to the Court of St. James. It is slyly whispered among New York's four hundred that the consummation of Willie K.'s desires in this direction would bring grief unbounded to the Astors; for four years of official life at the Court of St. James would elevate the Vanderbilts to a social level which the Astors could never hope to reach.

NIAGARA FALLS is avenged. It was not possible for the catarract to drown the extortionate backmen who do up currents at the falls; but some of the current has been turned to the wheels of an electric power-house, and the water of Niagara Falls is now running street cars in Buffalo.

POLITICIANS have come to their wits in the wild and woolly west. The sheepmen of Wyoming have carried the state for the republican electors. Thus retribution comes upon the men who struck down the wool industry in the Gorman-Wilson tariff bill, says the San Francisco Bulletin.

The Old Peter Gay Cantina, at the corner of San Francisco and Gaiter-street, is still the leading one in the city. Theodore Eggers will be glad to know both old and new friends that he can mix as well as ever.—Mexico Anglo-American. A barkeeper named Eggers should be a great man over a bowl of eggog.

Madrid newspapers protesting against Spain's kindly feeling toward the United States, point to the fact that the Spanish people "remained perfectly neutral during the recent presidential campaign." This is amusing. How Spain could remain otherwise than neutral toward a political contest which in no way concerned her is one of the things that require explanation. If we owe Spain anything for her forbearance in this affair we ought to pay it.

"If the success of the gold standard brings the prosperity which it advocates," explains the best newspaper candidate for president, "the supporters of free silver will surely share in it." That is just it. There was nothing sectional in Major McKinley's nomination, and there is no sectionalism in the prosperity which he followed his election. The republican party stands for Nation with a big N, and for Prosperity with a P of the same stature.

Some of the popular press is waiting long of valuable time and good space trying to console their adherents over the recent defeat of Mr. Bryan. They have figured carefully ever since election, and each issue of the papers contains some brilliant conclusion as to how Bryan might have won. Each effort they have made, though, emphasizes the main fact, viz: that Mr. Bryan had received a sufficient number of votes, he would have been our next president. There is all the explanation which can be given, and it is founded upon facts, not speculation. With all their shrewdness, we wonder that some of the popular press have not tumbled to this state of affairs, and offered it as the cause of their defeat.

The London Spectator takes a peculiar view of the position assumed by the United States, and the consequences which may flow from the protection which this country declares it will extend to other American nations. The Spectator thinks that in the course of from thirty to fifty years Europe, driven by hunger, will endeavor to take possession of the countries of South America. It is strange that it lost sight of the very evident fact that the hungry people of Europe would not wait for the action of their governments. They would as emigrants remove to South America if it became evident that by doing so they could improve their condition. Having done that, they would be prepared in common with other South Americans to resist the predicted European invasion. In fifty years South America will not need the help of the United States to repel an invasion from Europe.

The construction of a gigantic system of railroads in China will soon be begun. It will be the effect of two influences working upon the Chinese government and arousing some of the leading men of that nation to a sense of the need of many changes and improvements. The victory of the Japanese is one and the other of La Hung Chang around the world is the other. The Japanese victory aroused China to a sense of the need of radical reforms. The visit of La Hung Chang to the western world taught him that there is much in western civilization which China could well afford to adopt. It is probable that, notwithstanding his stay in the United States was short, his impressions of this country were vivid. Undoubtedly he was greatly pleased with American railways, and it is probable that American engineers and contractors will be favorably considered in connection with the construction of the Chinese system whenever work upon it is formally begun.

The comment of the German press on the fact that England has yielded to the United States in the Venezuela matter and accepted the Monroe doctrine is suggestive of a possible refusal on the part of Germany to acquiesce in that doctrine if a similar dispute should arise involving German claims. Americans might well reply with the suggestion that if Germany does not like the Monroe doctrine it might be well for it to undertake its overthrow. We are inclined to think that the conclusion of such an attempt would see the German press in a more compliant mood than it is now. But Germany is by no means as belligerent toward the United States as these press comments indicate. Between the lines one may read condemnation of England rather than defiance to the United States. German newspapers are willing just now to make almost anything an excuse for an attack upon Great Britain. Nothing would please them better than to belittle England in the eyes of Europe, and its submission to the United States in the Venezuela dispute seems to present an opportunity of that sort.

A Valuable Prescription. Editor Morrison, of Worthington, Ind., writes: "You have a valuable prescription in Electric Bitters, and I can attest to its efficacy in the treatment of indigestion and sick headache, and as a general system tonic it has no equal." Mrs. Annie Stehle, 2625 Cottage Grove avenue, Chicago, was all run down, could not eat nor digest, had a back ache which never left her and felt tired and weary, but six bottles of Electric Bitters restored her health and renewed strength. Prices 25c and 50c. Get a bottle at Dr. Martin's drug store.

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Not a little interest is being taken in the coming city election. It is well. The advantages of good government can only be obtained by the selection of the best officers, and it is a duty everyone owes himself to exercise his best energy and judgment in the selection. As everybody is interested and as the rights of all citizens are equal in such matters, it is hardly possible that the public generally will suffer a few ambitious political manipulators to control everything. The thirst for public office is so uncontrollable in a number of men in every community that they make a bad study of schemes for their own gratification, regardless of the rights of others and their own duty as good citizens. This class of political vampires should be taught a wholesome lesson.

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